

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

STEVE CUNNINGHAM	:	
Plaintiff,	:	CIVIL ACTION
v.	:	No.: 21-15717
COMMUNITY OPTIONS, INC.	:	
Defendant.	:	

**STIPULATION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS
TO ALLOW FOR ARBITRATION OF CLAIMS**

Plaintiff, Steve Cunningham (“Plaintiff”) and Defendants Community Options, Inc. (“Defendant”), by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby state and STIPULATE as follows:

WHEREAS, Plaintiff initiated the above-captioned matter on August 19, 2021 alleging discriminatory and retaliatory termination from employment;

WHEREAS, Defendant has informed Plaintiff’s counsel of an employment-related arbitration agreement; and

WHEREAS, by Agreement of the Parties and wishing to avoid unnecessary motion practice and for judicial efficiency, the Parties agree as follows:

1. This matter shall be commenced as an arbitration matter before AAA, raising the same allegations as the Complaint in this action;

2. Pursuant to 9 U.S.C. § 3, the above-captioned matter shall be *stayed* pending arbitration proceedings. *See Lloyd v. HOVENSA, LLC*, 369 F.3d 263, 269 (3d Cir. 2004);

3. The statute of limitations as to any and all claims asserted in the above-captioned matter shall be treated in arbitration as of the date initiated in federal court; and

4. The Parties have consented to the use of electronic signatures on this Stipulation.

Respectfully Submitted:

By: /s/ David N. Korsen

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Dated: September 24, 2021

**Case stayed and administratively terminated
pending arbitration.**

So Ordered this 27th day of September, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Shipp", written over a horizontal line.

Honorable Michael A. Shipp, U.S.D.J.